

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on January 23, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Norma Bixby (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 147, 1/17/2007; HB 289,
1/18/2007

00:00:58 Terry Johnson, Principal Fiscal Analyst, Legislative
Fiscal Division, gave an in-depth presentation on
Montana's Coal Severance Tax

[EXHIBIT\(tah15a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah15a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah15a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah15a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah15a05\)](#)

00:55:22 Break

01:08:59 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 289

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:09:09 Rep. Shannon Augare (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on
HB 289, State earned income tax credit.

[EXHIBIT\(tah15a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:14:41 Kelly Hart, Domestic Violence Coordinator, Montana
Legal Services

01:17:57 Susan Kidd, Organizer/Advocate, WEEL, Helena

[EXHIBIT\(tah15a07\)](#)

01:19:48 Terry Kendrick, Montana Women Vote

01:20:53 Mary McCue, representing Directors Association of
Human Resource Development Council

01:21:47 Tara Veazey, Attorney, Montana Legal Services

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:23:17 Brian Olsen, Income Tax Division, Montana Department of
Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:58 Rep. Lambert

01:24:47 Rep. Hamilton

01:25:54 Rep. Hilbert

01:27:18 Rep. Erickson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:12 Rep. Shannon Augare

HEARING ON HB 147

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:28:38 Rep. Mike Jopek (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 147, Revise and clarify application of bed tax and sales and use tax.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:33:33 Gene Walborn, Montana Department of Revenue

[EXHIBIT\(tah15a08\)](#)

01:53:07 Betsy Baumgart, Administrator, Department of Commerce,
Promotion Division

[EXHIBIT\(tah15a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah15a10\)](#)

01:59:02 Stuart Doggett, representing Montana Innkeepers
Association

02:03:26 Marti Bara, Helena area hotelier

02:06:12 Dan Bucks, Director, Montana Department of Revenue

Opponents' Testimony:

02:07:58 Arthur B. Sackler, Executive Director, Interactive
Travel Services Association

[EXHIBIT\(tah15a11\)](#)

02:15:49 Mike Green, Attorney and partner, Crowley Law Firm,
representing Expedia, Travelocity and Orbitz

[EXHIBIT\(tah15a12\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:26:54 Rep. Sonju
02:41:50 Rep. Hilbert
02:45:54 Rep. Lambert
02:46:01 Rep. Butcher
02:54:21 Rep. McAlpin
03:00:39 Rep. Erickson
03:00:58 Rep. Ross
03:04:01 Rep. Lambert
03:06:32 Rep. Hilbert
03:11:09 Rep. Erickson
03:13:14 Rep. Butcher
03:17:40 Rep. Sonju

Closing by Sponsor:

03:18:17 Rep. Mike Jopek

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah15aad.pdf](#))